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SUBJECT: MOSCOW AND WASHINGTON EMBASSY COMPLEXES

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1. SOVIET EMBASSY HERE HAS BEEN CALLING WITH REQUEST TO MEET AND CONSULT ON LANGUAGE OF NOTES ON EXCHANGE OF MT. ALTO AND KONYUSHKOVSKAYA SITES. ON JULY 21 DEPARTMENT ADVISED EMBASSY THAT ANY SUCH CONSULTATION AT THIS POINT WOULD BE PREMATURE.

2. FYI: PRESIDENT HAS APPROVED IMMEDIATE AUTHORIZATION OF DOLS. 2.6 MILLION FUNDING FOR FINAL PLANS FOR US COMPLEX AND AUTHORIZED DEPARTMENT TO SEEK CONGRESSIONAL CONCURRENCE. IT IS EXPECTED THAT CONSULTATIONS CAN BE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THIS WEEK AND CONTRACT FOR FINAL PLANS SHOULD BE SIGNED SHORTLY. ABOUT SIX MONTHS WILL BE NEEDED FOR COMPLETION OF FINAL PLANS. AFTER THESE PLANS HAVE BEEN APPROVED WE ESTIMATE IT WILL BE ABOUT ONE MORE YEAR BEFORE CONSTRUCTION CAN BEGIN ON US COMPLEX. THIS

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ESTIMATE IS BASED ON PROBABLE TIME REQUIRED FOR

SOVIETS TO COMPLETE FINAL WORKING DRAWINGS, WITH OUR REVIEW AND APPROVAL FOR THE PORTION OF THE CONSTRUCTION

WORK THEY WILL PERFORM. IT IS PLANNED TO SEEK CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORIZATION AND FUNDING OF CONSTRUCTION FOR FY 1977. END FYI.

3. IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN PARALLEL PROGRESS OF BOTH PROJECTS DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO BELIEVE IT ESSENTIAL THAT NEITHER SIDE BEGIN CONSTRUCTION UNTIL BOTH SETS OF FINAL CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS ARE APPROVED AND PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS WITH GENERAL CONTRACTORS HAVE BEEN HELD. IN KEEPING WITH THIS PRINCIPLE AND TO ASSURE CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT IN FUNDING US COMPLEX, DEPARTMENT DOES NOT PLAN TO PROCEED WITH SITE EXCHANGE UNTIL CONSTRUCTION PHASE ON BOTH PROJECTS IS IMMINENT.

4. FOR TACTICAL REASONS DEPARTMENT DOES NOT WISH AT THIS STAGE TO TELL SOVIETS DEFINITELY WHEN SITE EXCHANGE IS CONTEMPLATED. HOWEVER, AFTER NCPC ACTS ON SOVIET FINAL PLANS, WHICH WE EXPECT WILL BE ON JULY 31, DEPARTMENT OFFICER WILL MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS TO SOVIET EMBASSY;

(A) WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT EXCHANGE OF SITES AT THIS POINT WOULD BE PREMATURE UNTIL BEGINNING OF CONSTRUCTION ON BOTH PROJECTS IS IMMINENT.

PLANS, FINAL DESIGN PLANS ARE BEING PREPARED AND ARE EXPECTED TO BE READY FOR SOVIET APPROVAL SOON AFTER FIRST OF YEAR.

WHICH MUST BE TAKEN BEFORE CONSTRUCTION BEGINS. OTHER STEPS WHICH ARE PART OF THIS PROCESS ARE:

- (1) READYING OF SITES FOR BEGINNING OF CONSTRUCTION AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE III AND IV OF 1969 AGREEMENT AND ARTICLE 1 OF 1972 AGREEMENT;
- (2) APPROVAL OF FINAL PLANS AND AGREEMENT ON A LIST OF IMPORTED MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT TO BE USED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN CONSTRUCTION AS PROVIDED FOR IN ARTICLE IV OF THE 1972 AGREEMENT.

- (3) AGREEMENT ON TARGET DATES FOR COMPLETION OF BUILDINGS TO GUARANTEE COMPLETION OF WORK AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME, AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE 1 OF THE 1972 AGREEMENT.

- (4) AGREEMENT ON THE SEQUENCE OF CONSTRUCTION OF EACH COMPLEX AFTER APPROVAL OF FINAL DESIGN AND CONCLUSION OF BUILDING CONTRACTS AS SPECIFIED IN ARTICLE I OF THE 1972 AGREEMENT.

- (5) AGREEMENT ON EXECUTION OF CONSTRUCTION BY STAGES AS PROVIDED FOR IN ARTICLE IV OF THE 1972 AGREEMENT.

- (6) AGREEMENT ON A DATE OF INITIATION OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE TWO PROJECTS AS DETERMINED BY EXCHANGE OF NOTES AS PROVIDED BY ARTICLE IV OF 1972 AGREEMENT.

- (D) US SIDE IS PREPARED TO DISCUSS ENTIRE COMPLEX OF THESE QUESTIONS AT ANY TIME, BUT IT WAS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT SOVIET SIDE PREFERRED NOT TO DISCUSS SEVERAL POINTS UNTIL FINAL PLANS APPROVED BY BOTH SIDES. NOW THAT US PRELIMINARY PLANS APPROVED, WE CAN PROCEED TO NEXT PHASE OF PREPARATORY WORK AS SET FORTH IN ARTICLE III OF 1972 AGREEMENT -- PREPARATION OF FINAL DESIGN PLANS.

5. EMBASSY MAY DRAW ON THESE SAME TALKING POINTS IF PRESSED BY MFA FOR REPLY TO NOTE, POINTING OUT THAT SINCE SUBJECT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED IN WASHINGTON TO DATE WE PREFER TO KEEP ACTION HERE. INGERSOLL

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